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SOVIETS SHOOT DOWN US RB-29

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the US B-29 which crashed on

northeastern Hokkaido at noon on 7 November was attacked by MIG's on the

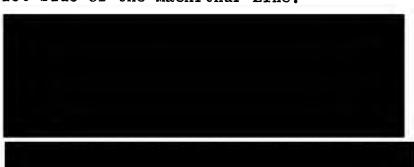
Soviet side of the MacArthur Line.\*

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2. Six flights of MIG's from Kurile and Sakhalin bases were involved.

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<sup>\*</sup> An arbitrary line established by General MacArthur between Hokkaido and Russian occupied Islands to restrict the operation of Japanese fishing vessels.

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- B. The attack occurred the second time the B-29 was in the vicinity of the Habomais.
- C. In both instances the B-29 flew about three nautical miles over the line which the Soviets apparently consider to delimit their territorial waters.

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III. During the past six months the Soviet response to US patrol and reconnaissance flights violating Soviet territory in the Far East has been consistently aggressive.

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